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SUBJECT: NON-GAZETTED EMPLOYEES' STRIKE CALLED OFF

REF: DACCA 2905

1. THE NON-GAZETTED GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES REPORTEDLY CALLED OFF THEIR ONE-DAY STRIKE ON THE EVENING OF MAY 9 "IN CONSIDERATION OF THE BENEFITS AND EMOLUMENTS ANNOUNCED BY THE GOVERNMENT," ACCORDING TO BSS, THE GOVERNMENT NEWS AGENCY. THE BDG ALSO ISSUED A PRESS NOTE WARNING THAT FAILURE TO RETURN TO WORK MAY 10TH "WOULD INVITE PENAL ACTIONS INCLUDING DISMISSAL FROM SERVICE." THE NOTE SAID THAT THE STRIKE WAS "UNCALLED FOR," AS THE DEMANDS HAD BEEN CONSIDERED "VERY SYMPATHETICALLY" BY THE GOVERNMENT.

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2. DESPITE THE REPORTED DECISION TO CALL OFF THE STRIKE, IT APPEARS THAT SOME GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES ARE STILL ABSTAINING FROM WORK EARLY THIS MORNING. AS YESTERDAY (REFTEL), DOZENS OF EMPLOYEES LINED THE STREETS AROUND THE SECRETARIAT WHILE A HANDFUL OF POLICE - AND TODAY A TRUCKLOAD OF HELMETED ANSARS -STOOD AROUND THE ENTRANCE. THE MOOD WAS QUIET AND TRAFFIC INTO THE SECRETARIAT COMPOUND SEEMED

TO FLOW NORMALLY.

- 3. IN AN EFFORT TO HEAD OFF A POSSIBLE STRIKE BY POSTAL, TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH WORKERS, THE BDG ON MAY 9 BROUGHT THESE WORKERS UNDER THE ESSENTIAL SERVICES ORDINANCE OF 1958. THIS WOULD MAKE DISRUPTION OF SERVICES A CRIMINAL ACT.
- 4. ON OTHER LABOR FRONTS: (1) DACCA UNIVERSITY TEACHERS STRIKE HAS SPREAD AT LEAST TO JAHANGIRNAGAR UNIVERSITY; (2) BANK EMPLOYEES HAVE BEGUN A TWO-HOUR PEN DOWN STRIKE; AND (3) JOUDNLISTS ARE CONTINUING TO AGITATE BUT HAVE NOT YET SET A STRIKE DEADLINE. SCHNEIDER

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